



European Union

CURRICULUM VITAE

– MECKLENBURG, Karsten –

Date of birth: 21 January 1967

Place of birth: Rostock (Germany)

Nationality: German

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2021 – August 2024

- ♦ ***Deputy Ambassador & Political Counsellor, EU Delegation to Burkina Faso***
- ♦ Coordinating political & security files of the Delegation, management support, representing the Ambassador in his absence;

October 2018 – August 20021

- ♦ ***Legal Advisor in the Trade Department of the European Commission, Brussels***
- ♦ WTO & bilateral trade agreements (Canada, Japan and negotiations with Indonesia), Lead on EU's Generalised System of Trade Preferences, development issues, SPS;

September 2013 – September 2018

- ♦ ***Head of Trade & Economic Section, EU Delegation to Canada,***
- ♦ Leading the Trade Section in Ottawa during final negotiations and the launch of the EU's 1st new generation bilateral Trade Agreement with Canada (CETA);

November 2009 – August 2013

- ♦ ***Head of Political, Trade and Press Section, EU Delegation to Burkina Faso***
- ♦ Support the new role of the EU Ambassador and Delegation in view of the creation of the EU's External Action Service in 2010. Support negotiations of an Economic Partnership Agreement with ECOWAS / WAEMU (WAEMU HQ in Burkina Faso);

June 2007 – October 2009

- ♦ ***Desk 'International Relations' for the new European Space Policy, Department for Defence Industry & Space, European Commission (former DG ENTR), Brussels***
- ♦ Advising on overall priorities; Managing dialogues & cooperation notably with Russia and South Africa, in close coordination with European Space Agency (ESA). Lead for "Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space" (African Union);

January 2005 – June 2007

- ♦ ***Advisor Southeast Europe and Turkey, European Parliament General Secretariat***
- ♦ Support & advice to EP President, Members of Foreign Affairs Committee and EP-Delegations, Staff member of the EP Policy Department for EU External Policies;

June 2001 – January 2005

- ♦ ***Desk Officer Ukraine, Department for External Relations of the European Commission (DG RELEX), Brussels***
- ♦ Implementation of the bilateral Partnership & Cooperation Agreement, including regular Summits and Ministerial meetings. Coordinate negotiation of a new Neighbourhood Action Plan; Member of the Wider Europe Task Force (2003-2004).

October 1997 – June 2001

- ♦ ***Desk Officer Joint Committees, European Parliament General Secretariat, Brussels***
- ♦ In charge of Joint Parliamentary Committees under EU Association or Partnership Agreements; Initially covering Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia, and horizontal EU enlargement issues; later Russia, Ukraine and Moldova.

July 1995 – August 1997

- ♦ ***Trainee Solicitor (Rechtsreferendar), District Court Celle, Niedersachsen, Germany***
- ♦ Trainee stations at civil law court (6 months), prosecution service (6), local government (3), European Parliament Brussels (3), private law firm in Hamburg (6).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

November 1994 & September 1997

- ♦ ***1st and 2nd German State Examination in Law***
University of Hamburg / Justice Authorities of German Land Niedersachsen
- ♦ (1990 - 1994) Civil, criminal and public law, Specialised in international & trade law

May 1996

- ♦ ***University Diploma in Political Science***
Institute for International Relations Babelsberg / Universities Potsdam and Hamburg
- ♦ (1988 - 1996) Political science, Democracy theory, International relations

November 1986 – April 1988

- ♦ ***Military service at 28th Naval Aviation Squadron, Rostock-Laage***
- ♦ 18 - months military service (former East Germany / GDR)

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- ♦ **Mother tongue:** German
- ♦ **Other languages:** English, French, Russian, Spanish
- ♦ **Other skills:** Project management, Financial management / Public procurement

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ♦ Married since 1999 to Ariane
- ♦ 1 son, born in 2000
- ♦ Hobby endurance athlete (Since 2016, 5x Finisher of Full-Ironman distance triathlons)
- ♦ Certificate for operating sailing & motor sports and pleasure crafts

